

**REMARKS**

**I. Status of the Claims**

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-17 are rejected. In this response, Applicants have cancelled claims 4, 6, and 10-17. Thus, claims 1-3, 5, and 7-9 are pending for reconsideration.

**III. Rejection of Claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112**

In Section 3 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In response, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to remove the “autonomically” from the reading and storing method steps. Applicants have cancelled independent claim 10. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments fully address the concerns of the Examiner in Section 3 with regard to this rejection.

In Section 4 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

As described above, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to remove the “autonomically” from the reading and storing method steps. Applicants have cancelled independent claim 10. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments fully address the concerns of the Examiner in Section 4 with regard to this rejection.

In Section 5 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 4-7 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended claims 1 (which now contains the subject matter of claim 4), 5, and 7 to address the concerns of the Examiner. Applicants have cancelled claims 6 and 13-15. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments fully address the concerns of the Examiner with regard to this rejection.

**IV. Rejection of Claims 10-17 under 35 U.S.C. §101**

In Section 9 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 10-17 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

In response, Applicants have cancelled claims 10-17, without prejudice.

**V. Rejection of Claims 1-5, 7-13, and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

In Section 12 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-5, 7-13, and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kopelovitz et al. (US 2002/0138604) in view of Faddell et al. (US 5,938,742).

Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claim 6 (which the Examiner has stated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and if the 112 rejections are overcome) into claim 1, further including the limitations of intervening claim 4. Applicants have also cancelled claims 4, 6, and 10-17, without prejudice.

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Applicants respectfully submit that all 112 and 101 rejections made by the Examiner have now been addressed, no new matter has been introduced by these amendments, and that the remaining claims in the pending application are now in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the remaining pending claims (i.e., claims 1-3, 5, and 7-9) are in condition for allowance and that the application should be passed to issue.

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